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Please find below a communication from the EXAMINER in charge of this application.

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Claims 1-3, 12-14, 16, 19, 23-25, 46, 47, 50, 52, 53, 55-60, 62, and 64 are allowable. However, due to a potential interference, *ex parte* prosecution is SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS from the date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

Claim 61 remains rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for reasons of record. Claims 10, 11, 15, 17, 18, 21, 22, 26, 51, 54, 63, 65, and 66 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for reasons of record. These rejections were not addressed in the response filed October 23, 1996.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mary E. Mosher, Ph.D. whose telephone number is (703) 308-2926. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday -Thursday and alternate Fridays from 6:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

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